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COMPLETE LISTING OF THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A collapsible container comprising:

a base member having a bottom wall, a pair of first base wall portions and a pair of second base wall portions, the second base wall portions having a recessed base area formed therein;

a pair of first opposed walls pivotably attached to a corresponding one of the second base wall portions and orientable between an upright orientation and an inwardly folded orientation; and

a pair of second opposed walls pivotably attached to a corresponding one of the first base wall portions and orientable between an upright orientation and an overlapping folded orientation, each of the second opposed walls generally corresponding in height and each having at least one projection member that connects to an adjacent one of the first opposed walls when the first and second opposed walls are in the upright orientation. each of the at least one projection member arranged to be received within the recessed area of the second base wall portions when in the overlapping folded orientation, and wherein each second opposed wall has a recessed wall area arranged to receive the projection member of an other second opposed wall folded thereon.

2. (Original) The collapsible container of claim 1 wherein the pair of second opposed walls are oriented parallel to each other when in the inwardly folded position.

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3. (Original) The collapsible container of claim 1 wherein each of the pair of second opposed walls has a pivot axis of equivalent height from the base member.

4. (Original) The collapsible container of claim 1 wherein each of the second opposed walls has a pivot axis disposed in a plane which is oriented generally parallel to the base member.

5. (Currently Amended) A collapsible container comprising:
a base having a pair of base side wall edges and a pair of base end wall edges, the base end wall edges having a recess formed therein;
a pair of opposed end walls pivotably attached to respective end wall edges and orientable between an upstanding orientation and an inwardly collapsed orientation; and
a pair of opposed side walls pivotably attached to respective side wall edges along hinge axes having a corresponding height from the base, the pair of opposed side walls orientable between an upstanding position and an overlapping folded position, each side wall having a lateral edge with an upper projecting flange and a recessed area, wherein each upper projecting flange connects to an adjacent one of the end walls when the side walls and end walls are in the upstanding orientation, wherein the side walls may be inwardly foldable in a non-sequential order such that the flange of a first one of the side walls when folded is arranged to be received within the recess of the base end wall edge, while the flange of a second one of the side walls when folded is received within the recessed area of the first one of the side walls, and wherein the side walls are oriented parallel to each other when in the overlapping folded position.

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6. (Original) The collapsible container of claim 5 wherein the pair of opposed side walls are oriented parallel to each other when in the inwardly folded position.

7. (Original) The collapsible container of claim 5 wherein the side walls are generally corresponding in height.

8. (Original) The collapsible container of claim 5 wherein each of the side walls has a pivot axis disposed in a plane which is oriented generally parallel to the base.

9. (Previously Presented) A collapsible container comprising:

a base member having a bottom wall, a pair of first opposed edges and a pair of second opposed edges;

a pair of first opposed walls pivotably connected to the pair of first opposed edges, and orientable between an upright orientation and an inwardly collapsed orientation; and

a pair of second opposed walls each pivotably connected to the pair of second opposed edges along corresponding axes of rotation, wherein when oriented in an inwardly collapsed position, the second opposed walls overlap with each other in a parallel orientation, and the corresponding axes of rotation are disposed in a plane generally parallel to the bottom wall of the base member.

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10. (Previously Presented) The collapsible container of claim 9 wherein the second opposed walls are not parallel to the base member when in the inwardly collapsed position.

11-12. (Cancelled)

13. (Previously Presented) A collapsible container comprising:

a base member having a bottom wall, a pair of first base wall portions and a pair of second base wall portions, the second base wall portions having a recessed base area formed therein;

a pair of opposed first walls each pivotably attached to one of the second base wall portions and orientable between an upright orientation and an inwardly folded orientation; and

a pair of opposed second walls each pivotably attached to one of the first base wall portions and orientable between an upright orientation and an overlapping folded orientation, each of the second walls having at least one projection member for connecting to an adjacent one of the first walls when in the upright orientation, the at least one projection member arranged to be received within the recessed base area of one of the second base wall portions when in the overlapping folded orientation.

14. (Previously Presented) The collapsible container of claim 13 wherein each second wall has a recessed wall area arranged to receive the projection member of the other second wall folded thereon.

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15. (Previously Presented) The collapsible container of claim 13 wherein the second walls are parallel to one another but are not parallel to the base member when in the overlapping folded orientation.

16. (Previously Presented) The collapsible container of claim 15 wherein each of the pair of second walls has a pivot axis at an equivalent height from the bottom wall.

17. (Previously Presented) The collapsible container of claim 13 wherein the projection members are formed on lateral edges of the second walls.

18. (Previously Presented) The collapsible container of claim 17 wherein the second walls each include a recessed area at the lateral edge and wherein the projection member of an upper one of the second walls is received within the recessed area of a lower one of the second walls when the second walls are in the overlapping folded orientation.

19. (Previously Presented) The collapsible container of claim 13 wherein the second walls in the overlapping folded position may be folded over the first walls in the inwardly folded orientation.

20. (Previously Presented) The collapsible container of claim 19 wherein each of the pair of second walls has a pivot axis at an equivalent height from the bottom wall.

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21. (New) A collapsible container comprising:

a base member having a bottom wall, a pair of first base wall portions and a pair of second base wall portions, the second base wall portions having a recessed base area formed therein;

a pair of first opposed walls pivotably connected to a corresponding one of the second base wall portions and orientable between an upright orientation and an inwardly folded orientation; and

a pair of second opposed walls pivotably connected to a corresponding one of the first base wall portions and orientable between an upright orientation and an overlapping folded orientation, the second opposed walls generally corresponding in height, at least a first one of the pair of second opposed walls having a projection member that connects to an adjacent one of the first opposed walls when the first and second opposed walls are in the upright orientation, the projection member arranged to be received within the recessed area of the second base wall portions when in the overlapping folded orientation, and wherein at least a second one of the pair of second opposed walls has a recessed wall area arranged to receive the projection member of an other second opposed wall folded thereon.